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★★★★★★★Labor Day Safety message★★★★★★

By Col. James Johnson 43rd Airlift Wing Commander

As the Labor Day weekend approaches and people make plans to take advantage of the long weekend, it's important to be

realistic about drive and rest times and to be extra safe while out having a good time with family and friends. Labor Day weekend is traditionally when we experience the most losses and injuries.

During this holiday, let's redouble our

safety efforts. Each year, our Air Force family is touched by tragedy over the long weekend when individuals lose their lives in traffic accidents or recreational activities. I want everyone to return this Tuesday well rested and energized — remember your Wingman. Let your supervisor know your plans, make arrangements if you plan to drink alcohol and always use operational risk management. Let's have a fun weekend as we do our best to keep ourselves and each other safe.



Airmen from the 43rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron study a terrain survival map aboard a C-17 Globemaster III during a training mission Aug. 19 at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., as part of Joint Readiness Training Center Exercise 09-09. The Joint Readiness Training Center, located at Fort Polk, La., provides realistic training using scenarios that allow integration between joint military organizations, host nations and civilian role-players. Units from the Air Force, Army and the Canadian and Belgian Air Forces are training together during JRTC Exercise 09-09.

JRTC offers unique training for AE Airmen

Story and photo by Capt. Joe Knable

19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

They can be alerted at any hour to arrive on base for hours of mission planning and preflight briefings. They must maintain flying requirements and pass routine check-rides. They're away from their families several weeks each year flying missions all over the world.

They aren't pilots, navigators or loadmasters. They are Air Force aeromedical evacuation flight nurses and technicians, and they're saving lives around the world every day. To be ready, they train during such events as the Joint Readiness Training Center, or Exercise

Aeromedical evacuation, or AE, crews from Pope, MacDill AFB, Fla., Lackland AFB, Texas, and March Air Reserve Base, Calif., are participating in the JRTC exercise from Little Rock AFB. The JRTC exercise is based at Fort Polk, La., which is simultaneously training 3,200 Soldiers "deployed" to an austere environment at Fort Polk.

The training AE crewmembers receive at JRTC is unique. JRTC is the only place where crewmembers get to utilize all of the AE unit type codes, or elements, together in one place, said Col. Tami Rougeau, senior Air Force AE trainer and mentor at Little Rock

AE includes several career fields in addition to the flight nurses and technicians: medical service corps officers, enlisted administrative personnel, communications officers, radio operators, logisticians, aerospace ground equipment personnel and flight

Training missions at JRTC mirror the sequence of real-world AE missions, said Capt. Nathan Ferguson, a medical crew director and flight nurse from Pope's 43rd AE Squadron. The crewmembers are alerted approximately four hours before the flight's scheduled take-off time. They must arrive within an hour for standard paperwork and preflight briefings from the medical crew director and aircraft commander. Crews also receive an intelligence briefing.

JRTC missions use a standard crew, made up of five people — two flight nurses and three technicians. Crews always prepare for the most difficult patient load and configuration for each mission.

The length of the missions vary, but they include going to pick up patients from a Mobile Aeromedical Staging Facility, where wounded patients are kept stabilized; loading them onto the aircraft, monitoring them during the flight, and delivering the patients to a higher level of care.

AE Airmen rarely stabilize the patients. AE's purpose is to transfer battle and non-battle injury patients from one area to another, said Lt. Col. Kim Devoto, director of operations, 459th AES, Andrews AFB, Md.

Eighty percent of patients they transfer from Germany to Andrews AFB, Md., have non-battle injuries, such as sports injuries or serious illnesses, he said.

AE Airmen also work with AE Soldiers aboard Army helicopters to get wounded serv-

records maintenance personnel. All of these ice members from the battlefield to a combat pieces of the AE puzzle come together at support hospital in theater where the patients are stabilized before being transferred to larger hospitals with more capabilities.

After the aircrew members unload their patients, they discuss what they did well and what they could have done better. The medical crew director then calls higher headquarters with a report. When the work is done, the crew goes back on 12 hours of crew rest so they can be ready when the next call comes in.

AE is making a significant difference in the current operations.

"Patients are moved from the battleground where they were injured to a world-class hospital in the United States usually within three days or less," said Colonel Devoto.

With the help of AE, a service member's chance of surviving a battle injury today is better than 95 percent. The AE Airmen at IRTC speak very well of their career field.

Captain Furguson said he became a flight nurse because it's the "best nursing job in the Air Force.'

'Our unit has been involved in everything since Korea, including Grenada, Somalia and the California wildfires," Captain Ferguson said. He remembers his most exciting mission as one where they picked up an injured Marine in Balad Air Base, Iraq, and took him straight to San Antonio with air refueling — a 17-hour flight — for urgent eye surgery.

"There isn't one best day in AE," said Colonel Rougeau. "We have the best job in the Air Force in aerovac. Every day you get up and you know you contributed to saving a life

CFC makes an impact

By Capt. Iesiah Harris 43rd Medical Operations Squadron

The Combined Federal Campaign is a charitable drive (created in 1961 in an executive order by President John F. Kennedy) exclusively for federal employees. The campaign was developed to eliminate year-round solicitation in the workplace by multiple organizations. Over the years, it has become the hallmark of charitable donations from Federal employees. The CFC program is a designated campaign with more than 2,000 organizations listed. It affords donors the convenience of payroll deduction and the ability of donors to designate contributions to their preferred organization.

In the past, Team Pope has done a phenomenal job meeting and even exceeding its monetary goal, but has fallen short of meeting its participation goal. Imagine the benefits CFC contributions provide to those in desperate

For those who have not donated in the past, consider the following scenario as a reason to give to this year's campaign.

Imagine for a moment, a family member receives a phone call in the early morning hours. The caller explains that a family member's parent, who suffers from hepatitis, was found comatose and in dire need of a liver transplant.

Weeks pass as the family anxiously awaits word that a match has been found. Finally, the family's prayers are answered and a donor is located. The transplant operation goes smoothly. Because the doctors are successful, the family is able to enjoy an additional 10 years with their loved one.

It is through a lot of medical research and support funds that many people are alive today. A person's contribution can have a global and powerful impact on thise in need. Some of those people are right here at Pope. The official CFC campaign period runs Sept. 1 through Dec. 15, but the Pope campaign runs for six consecutive weeks, Sept. 11 through Oct. 23.

The Team Pope kick-off breakfast is Sept. 11 at 7:30 a.m. at the Pope Club. The goal s to make this year the best CFC in Pope history. Every member of Pope should consider supporting this year's campaign. Help make this year the best CFC drive Pope has ever seen.

For more information, call Capt. Iesiah Harris at 394-0504 or Senior Master Sgt. James Mitchell at 394-2226.

Airman dies in vehicle accident

A Pope Airman died Aug. 28, at about 1:15 a.m., as a result of a vehicle accident on Cedar Creek Road in Southeast Fayetteville, N.C. Airman 1st Class Jeremy Scott Melvin, 21, was an Airfield Management Operations Coordinator with the 43rd Operations Support Squadron.

"We have lost one of our own, and all of Team Pope pays tribute to Airman Melvin's professionalism and selfless service to his country," said Col. James Johnson, 43rd Airlift Wing Commander. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends."

A memorial service, which will include Airman Melvin's family, is being planned. Please make plans to attend.

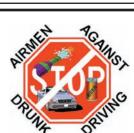
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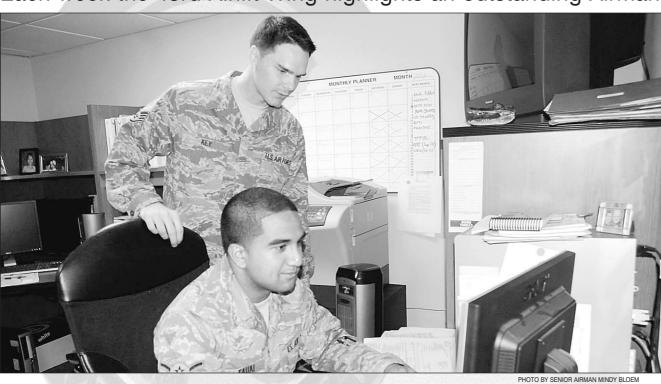


For a free, anonymous ride home midnight to 6 a.m. Friday to Sunday, call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 394-AADD.

PERSPECTIVE

Coining Pope's Finest:

Each week the 43rd Airlift Wing highlights an outstanding Airman



Staff Sgt. Kenneth Key and Airman Justin Taui, both 43rd Medical Support Squadron, look over a deployment itinerary Tuesday at the Readiness Group Control Center.

Col. Craig Berlette, 43rd Airlift Wing Vice Commander, presented a Commander's Coin on behalf of Col. James Johnson, 43rd AW Commander, to Staff Sgt. Kenneth Key, 43rd Medical Support Squadron, Tuesday for his exceptional performance beyond the call of duty. Sergeant Key is the NCO-in-Charge of the Medical Readiness Flight and works in the Readiness Group Control

Sergeant Key has made an impact since moving into the Medical Readiness

Flight early this year. His section has a variety of moving parts and inspection items. Sergeant Key hit the ground running when he started his tour at Pope in December of 2003.

Upon arrival in the section, Sergeant Key performed an inventory to determine where his focus should be. He and his team identified 374 training items in need of updates and developed spreadsheets to track their progress. They sent these spreadsheets to each of the squadrons on a bimonthly basis to bring the

43rd Medical Group back to wing standards.

Currently, Sergeant Key is working with the other members of his section to inventory all mobility folders, ensuring that they meet Air Force standards. Once the team completes the review and updates of more than 200 folders, they will streamline the way medical personnel process in and out of the base. In the midst of all this improvement, Sergeant Key also managed the team that prepared and deployed 14 personnel in two months.

Sergeant Key and his

wife, Nisa, have been married for 8 years and have one daughter, LeAnna. His hobbies include playing basketball, football and baseball. He also enjoys movies, books and spending time with his family and friends. While at Pope, he has earned his two-year Community College of the Air Force degree, as well as his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts. His career goal is to become a **Medical Service Corps** officer - his package will meet the selection board in October.

Commander's Helpline

The Commander's Helpline is your direct link to Col. James C. Johnson, 43rd Airlift Wing Commander. If you have worked through normal channels and aren't satisfied, Helplines are an opportunity to ask questions, compliment someone or make suggestions. You must include a name and phone number for a response. Helplines of general

interest will be published in the Carolina Flyer, others will be answered by letter or phone call.



Remember, the most efficient way to solve a problem is to talk directly to the responsible office or follow your chain of command. You can call the Commander's Helpline at 394-4357 or e-mail to commanders.helpline@pope.af.mil.

Helpful numbers

Emergency (Base Phone/home phone)	
Cell Phone	
Law Enforcement Desk	394-2800/2808
Helping Hand Hot line	394-2777
Crime Stop	394-4111
Pope Clinic	394-4258
Pass and Registration	394-2694
Security Force	394-2800
Legal Office	394-2341
Chapel	394-2677
Military Personnel Flight	394-2276
Pope Club, collocated	497-4031
TRICARE Customer Service	1-877-TRI-CARE
Civil Engineers	394-2821
Inspector General	394-2302
Family Support Center	394-2538
Child Development Center	394-4323
Kitty Hawk Inn Dining Facility	394-4377
Housing Management	394-4867
Bowling Center	394-2891
Fitness Center	394-2671
Finance (Military Pay)	394-1410/1412
AAFES Shoppette	497-8181
Public Affairs	394-4183
Pope/Ft Bragg American Red Cross	396-1231/877-272-7337

A Fresh Perspective

By Chief Master Sgt. Adrian Davis 43rd Medical Group Superintendent

s we sit on the brink of Pope's BRAC transition, changing duty stations has become a hot-button topic across base. Having relocated 10 times during my career, I want to share my perspective on some of the lessons I've learned through changing bases. Relocating can be extremely stressful on military members and their families because it's about more than just switching bases. It affects everything - from your confidence level within your duty section to selling your house and changing schools. During discussions about assignments, I meet people at both ends of the spectrum. Some have a desire to leave, while others would rather stay put. My good friend referred to relocating as "a necessary evil." I see it as a good thing; it's definitely necessary to help meet the mission, maintain our force and freshen our perspectives. Today I can stand boldly and speak those words without

Flash back to July 12, 1991 - I was fresh off of evacuating Clark Air Base, Philippines - thanks to the Mount Pinatubo eruption. I sat in "Safe Haven" status, awaiting reassignment to my next duty location. This was especially trying for me because I loved being assigned to Clark AB and had no desire to relocate. Why should I desire to move? Clark was the ideal assignment. We worked hard, but played just as hard. So to say I was a little disappointed at the thought of having to leave is a gross understatement. It took several weeks for me to come to grips with the fact that I was

blinking an eye, but that wasn't always the

definitely relocating; and odds were, I was not returning to the Philippines to help restore Clark AB, as I had repeatedly envisioned in my mind. Finally, the suspense was over. It was official; I was heading to Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. I can recall thinking, "where in the world is that?" Again, I had zero desire to move to Texas, or anywhere else for that matter. I was perfectly fine at Clark AB. While I had heard that Texas was very big and a great country, I did not want to go. Little did I know this assignment would change my life.

At this small base, I was given my first opportunity to formally lead and supervise. I was allowed to manage programs I had read about in my career development course training manuals and inspection preparation guides, but had never personally seen. I met my mentor - the person who would mold, shape and challenge me to become relevant in our Air Force - before I even knew what a mentor was. And last but not least, I married my beautiful wife - all at Laughlin AFB. I learned quickly not to prejudge a place or underestimate the value of a process that positively impacted my life in so many areas.

Until my Laughlin AFB encounter, I was convinced that everything was all about me. I say this because my wants, needs and desires seemed to be all that mattered. My commitment to the Air Force and to my role as an NCO was severely lacking. I had no interest in becoming a better Airman, pursuing any type of professional development, making the Air Force a better place or being a positive voice within my sphere of influence. In retrospect, the journey through Laughlin AFB allowed me to reflect and see some of the flaws I grew

up under, which negatively influenced my perspective and caused me to lose focus

and become content with mediocrity. The first was the value of learning and teaching. As an Airmen, my supervisor felt that there was no value in training an airman 1st class on anything important. He constantly reminded me that any thoughts I had on improving any process needed to remain just that - my thoughts. Under his reign, I often felt frustrated and useless. When I became a supervisor, I vowed to never bypass an opportunity to learn, teach or train. If done with a sincere heart, the seeds sown and time invested will pay dividends for the member and the Air Force.

Secondly, I grew up in a career field in which the worker bees - mostly Airmen worked 12 plus hours, five to six days a week. I recall eating carryout breakfast, lunch and dinner from plastic containers in the break area in hopes that if we started early enough and ate while we worked, we would get to go home at a semi-decent time. I remember hearing my co-workers say "it sure would be nice if someone appreciated something we did." That was a lesson learned for me during that season. I realized the value of people and promised to never take the people I come in contact with for granted and to never miss an opportunity to say "thank you" or "I appreciate you." While it's true that we all collect a paycheck for services rendered, a supervisor taking the time to recognize his or her troops for a job well done is priceless and irreplaceable.

Lastly, transitioning from Laughlin AFB taught me the value of change. During my Airman years, I remember dedicating many nights and weekends to researching and

documenting methods to help increase the efficiency and effectiveness of our daily operation. I'll admit that some of my efforts were self-serving. I was tired of pulling 60 to 70 hours each week. Nevertheless, we at the "grass and weed" level saw a definite need for change. As with most of my other bright ideas, this one didn't go far either. I was labeled a "troublemaker" and a "pot stirrer." I guess the natives were already antsy, and I just added fuel to their fire. I was later told by one of the other NCOs that my supervisor perceived me as a threat because the process we used was his idea and had been the same for almost 15 years. While others complained and talked about change, no one had the courage to actually speak out about it. Another lesson learned: change is not a bad thing. If it works and makes us more effective, it doesn't matter whose idea it is. I thank God for the trial. It helped me develop an image of the type of supervisor I desired to be.

The seeds sown in my life at Laughlin AFB gave me a fresh perspective. I was forced to decide which type of Airman I wanted to be: one who wore the uniform, collected a check and did just enough to get by, or one who went above and beyond and tried to make a difference.

Relocating to Laughlin AFB was the catalyst that set me on the path I'm on today. Although I was perfectly happy and content at Clark AB, I realize now that I was on the path to nowhere - at a lightning fast pace and destined to be that supervisor no one wanted. The door that was opened for me through the Mount Pinatubo eruption was just what I needed to force me off my comfortable position on the fence.

It's certain that many of us will have to relocate under BRAC and, chances are, it may be to a place we have no desire to move to. Regardless, do not despise the journey, for therein lies the lesson. It's not on the mountain top, but in the valley where our character is defined and our direction realized.

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Pope member receives prestigious award

By Senior Airman Mindy Bloem

An assistant operations officer with the 2nd Airlift Squadron received the Chief of the Defence Staff commendation for his efforts during a deployment to Afghanistan as an Air Force exchange officer with the Canadian Forces.

According to his commendation, Maj. Casey Dodds acted as both the headquarters executive and military assistant, and he effectively managed the daily battle rhythm of a staff of 210 multi-national personnel.

During his collegiate days attending the University of Colorado, Major Dodds noticed the ROTC cadets around campus and decided he wanted their same job security. He soon enrolled in the program and graduated with a degree in Aviation Management. It wasn't long before he was attending Undergraduate Navigator Training at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas

In 2004, an opportunity arose for him to be an Air Force exchange officer with the Canadian Forces. In a happy twist of fate, he was assigned to same Canadian town his wife, Kimberly, is originally from, which made the transition easy on the family.

In his third year as an Air Force exchange officer, where he wrote Canadian Force's policies and doctrines, Major Dodds volunteered for a seven-month deployment with the Headquarters International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan.

Having deployed six times in his career, Major Dodds was no stranger to deployment, but on this particular assignment, he worked as an assistant to Brig. Gen. James Ferron, Chief of Intelligence, International Security Assistant Force, which was very different from his previous deployments.

"I was basically his go-to guy," said Major Dodds, referring to his position. "Simply put, I tried to get done what the boss needed me to get done. At no time did I walk around like I was the general or try to act like I wore his rank, and I was able to foster a good relationship with the command staff, which helped to get things done."

For Major Dodds, the change of pace on his recent deployment was just what was needed.

"It was so far outside of what I do, that everything was fascinating to me. I really enjoyed it."

Another advantage for the major was being able to deploy as an American in a Canadian position for NATO, which is a rarity.

"I was much more integrated and included with the Canadian team than I would have been otherwise. They did everything they could to make me feel part of the team.

"I also feel I have a better grasp of the politics within not only multi-national arenas but also of why things are done the way they are. I was able to see how a plan came about, how it was implemented, then executed."

The special recognition Major Dodds received during his deployment to Afghanistan came as no surprise to the operations officer at the 2nd AS, Lt. Col. Larry Floyd.

"He absolutely knows his stuff," the colonel said. "He shows great attention to detail and fixes problems as soon as he sees them. I am leaving him the entire flying operations to manage while I'm away this weekend, and I will sleep very well."

Maj. Casey Dodds, 2nd Airlift
Squadron, stands guard outside a
building in downtown Kabul,
Afghanistan where a meeting was
being held during his recent
deployment. Major Dodds worked
closely with Brig. Gen. James Ferron, Chief of Intelligence for International Security Assistant Force,
and would sometimes stand in as part
of his personal protection team.



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Pope Airman receives AMC Achievement Award



Tech. Sgt. Holly Groves, 43rd Operations Support Squadron, works her station in the Pope Tower Aug. 28.

Story and photo by Rhonda Griffin Staff writer

tion to detail.

When Tech. Sgt. Holly Groves is on the job, many lives depend on her atten-

Sergeant Groves is the Tower Watch Supervisor with the 43rd Operations Support Squadron, where she once worked as a trainer for OSS air traffic controllers.

Before her recent deployment to Balad, Sergeant Groves was the NCO-in-Charge of Air Traffic Control Training and Standardization at Pope. Working with a handful of assistants, she headed up the training program for controllers and held the overall responsibility of ensuring air traffic control at Pope went off without a hitch.

Sergeant Groves' hard work with the training program earned her the 2008 Air Mobility Command Air Traffic Control Training Achievement Award. She was notified of her award when she was deployed to Balad as the Tower Crew

Returning to the 43rd OSS in mid-August, she is quickly getting back into the swing of things in the tower. While on watch, the controllers communicate with flight and ground crews, monitor all air traffic within a five-mile radius of the tower, along with take-offs and landings, and keep all aircraft guided away from restricted areas.

"Traffic is slower since we lost the A-10's," said Sergeant Groves, "but JFEX (Joint Forcible Entry Exercise) has kept us busy lately, so our trainees have been seeing a lot of traffic recently. They need that to get certified."

Though all of the controllers have a great deal of responsibility when they are on watch, the training of new controllers still has a special place in Sergeant Groves' heart.

"This is their career," she said of the trainees. "I want to know they've gotten the best training they can get."

Drug Education for Youth: Phase II

By Senior Airman Antonio Jones
43rd Medical Operations Squadron

The Drug Education for Youth group met at the Airman and Family Readiness Center Aug. 15 for their first lesson, beginning Phase II of the program. DEFY provides commanders with a drug demand reduction program to enhance family readiness and promote mission accomplishment. The program's goal is to produce 9- to 12-year-old children with character, leadership and confidence to live positive, healthy lifestyles as drug-free citizens. It is a year-long program and was first introduced to Pope three years ago. This year's program is comprised of a camp director, mentor trainer, operations coordinator, 25 mentors, one junior mentor and 31 energetic youth.

There are three phases to the program. Phase I is a week-long summer camp. For Phase II, DEFY meets one Saturday a month. On this day, the mentors teach the youth a particular topic on healthy living before going on an educational field trip with them. Phase III is a follow up with the youth to find out how they are incorporating the lessons learned throughout the year into their daily lives.

Most recently, the mentors taught a lesson on safety followed by a trip to the Pope Fire Department. During the trip, Staff Sgt. Brandon Carr, Airmen 1st Class Tremeka Sims, Dajuantatye Brown, Tyrone Evbuomwan, Alex Lopez and Isaac Fizer, members of the 43rd Civil Engineer Squadron, talked about their roles and responsibilities as firefighters. They demonstrated how their equipment works and even showed the DEFY youth how the fire engine puts out aircraft fires on the runway. Afterward, the DEFY youth and mentors returned to the A&FRC for lunch before going to a local skating rink to learn fun and healthy alternatives to drugs and alcohol.

For more information or to sign up for DEFY, call Tracy Devault at 394-1182, Senior Airman Antonio Jones at 394-4700 or Staff Sgt. Afshan Quarles at 394-7422

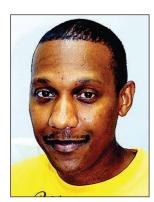
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Pope talks

By Senior Airman Mindy Bloem Staff writer

What is your favorite quote?



"If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything." - Malcolm X

 Robert Linebarger Pope Chapel's **Religious Education** Coordinator



"What would you attempt to achieve if you weren't afraid to fail?" - Dr. Robert Schuller

> — Capt. **Jennifer Condor** 43rd Force Support Squadron



"Make the most of the day because life is like a roll of toilet paper the closer you get to the tube, the faster it comes off."

> - Tech. Sgt. **Edward Zanto** 440th Airlift Wing



"In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure." - Bill Cosby

> — Staff Sgt. **Angel Lowery** 2nd Airlift Squadron

Above and beyond



Congratulations to the following Airmen who earned high scores on their career development course examinations:

43rd Security Forces Squadron

Airman 1st Class Jared Watson scored a 98 percent

43rd Civil Engineer Squadron

Airman Joseph Murphy scored a 92 percent

43rd **Medical Group**

Staff Sqt. Amber Dwyer scored a 91 percent

Airman 1st Class Katie Maas scored a 96 percent

3rd Aerial Port Squadron

Senior Airman Lindsey Loewen scored a 90 percent

18th Weather Squadron

Staff Sgt. Ustem Nu scored a 91 percent

Congratulations to ALS Class 09-F

Academic Award:

21st Special Tactics Squadron Senior Airman Joshua Stephenson

Distinguished Graduate:

21st STS Senior Airman Joshua Stephenson

John Levitow Award:

24th Special Tactics Squadron Staff Sgt. Brandon Merriman

Leadership Award:

43rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron Staff Sgt. Shaun Ocker

Graduates:

Senior Airman

Senior Airman Charlynn Fornaro Staff Sqt. Shaun Ocker

43rd Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Senior Airman Lindsay Nimmo Senior Airman Jason deValinger

43rd Communications Squadron

Senior Airman Steven Brumley Senior Airman John Cerillo

43rd Force Support

Squadron Senior Airman

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2nd Airlift Squadron Senior Airman

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Senior Airman David Vijil

3rd Aerial Port Squadron

Senior Airman **Drew Brandenburg**

24th Special Tactics Squadron

Brandon Merriman

Squadron Senior Airman Joey Cedillo

Senior Airman Bryan Lehberger





Staff Sgt.

10th Combat Weather

AF Special Operations Command



News

Editor's note: To maintain the newsworthiness and timeliness of the Carolina Flyer, briefs will run for a maximum of four weeks or until the event occurs, whichever comes first. If there's a need to extend the publication of the brief, call the editor at 394-1723.

■ Family Care Plan: An Air Force IMT Form 357 is required to be maintained on all personnel who require a family care plan. Individuals must designate a short-term provider, a long-term provider and a temporary custodian. This is the most important phase of your family care planning. The person selected should be someone who is trusted with your child/family member's life. If a family member becomes seriously ill or is injured, the designee may have to make life and death decisions without consulting the parent. The person selected must be 21 years of age or older.

Clothing Sales: The Air Force and Army Military Clothing Sales stores consolidate Sept. 15, moving the Pope location to the Military Cloth-

ing Store on Fort
Bragg, located in
the Mini Mall off
Reilly Road. The
new hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 8
p.m. Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7

p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The consolidation is a result of Base Realignment and Closure adjustments taking place between the installations. The move allows AAFES to improve the stock assortment as well as continue offering Air Force items for customers and to increase the hours of operation

■ Thrift Shop: The Pope Thrift Shop is located in building 357, next to the base library. Hours of operation are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Personnel with access to Pope may shop at the store. Consignments are accepted from Department of Defense identification card holders regardless of rank or branch of service, both active duty and retired. For more information, call 394-2427.

■ Pope Olympics Registration: The Pope Olympics Contest is Sept. 17 from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., beginning with the Torch Run. All personnel interested in participating must complete an entry form and return it to the Fitness Center or via e-mail by Monday.

PSA Social: The Pope Spouses' Association is having an Island Getaway Bunco social Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Pope Picerne Neighborhood Center, located on 51 Skytrain Drive. The

PSA is a combined group of enlisted and officer spouses of active duty, Reserve, retiree and civilian members of Team Pope. For more information, call Stacie Biancardi at 339-3000.

Hearts Apart: If your Air Force spouse is deployed, on a temporary or remote assignment, attend this month's Hearts Apart luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Childcare funds are available. For reservations, call the A&FRC at 394-2538.

Pope's active duty and Reservists are invited to a Save a Life tour from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 23 for members between the ages of 18 to 24 in Hangar 4. A DUI simulator will be available which demonstrates the effects alcohol can have on motorists under its influence. For more information, call 394-8395.

■ AFOSI Recruitment: The Air Force Office of Special Investigations is looking for motivated NCOs and officers to join the force of elite federal agents. Anyone

looking for a career in law enforcement should attend the OSI recruitment brief at 1 p.m. Sept. 21 in the Family Center Building auditorium. For more information, call 394-4264.

Air Force Ball: Pope is hosting a ball Sept. 19 to celebrate the Air Force's 62nd year of existence. The evening features the entertaining vocals of Fort Bragg's 82nd Airborne Chorus. Dress code for the event is mess dress uniform or semi-formal dress. Everyone on base can attend. For more information, call Capt. Laquanis Hooker at 394-1933/2123 or e-mail Laquanis.hooker@pope.af. mil.

Youth Group: The Pope chapel is having a Protestant youth group beginning Sept. 13 in the chapel annex. Youth ages 12 to 17 can sign up by calling Robert Linebarger at 394-1356 or by sending an e-mail to robert.linebarger@pope.af.mil.

■ In - Service
Recruiter: Pope's new Air
Force Reserve in-service
recruiter is Master Sgt. Jason

Maney. Individuals who are separating from active duty and are interested in Reserve assignments or the Palace Chase program can reach Sergeant Maney at 394-1099.

■ Resume Work**shop:** A resume workshop, designed to teach people how to create an effective resume and prepare for an interview, is Sept. 23 from 8 to 11 a.m. This class also discusses what information to include in the resume, which format to use, what to wear for the interview and what type of questions are asked during interviews. Registration is required. To reserve a seat, call 394-2538.

Bundles for offer a Babies: This workshop is sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society. All active duty Air Force members and/or spouses in their third es, cal trimester are encouraged to attend Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon. All ranks are welcome and lunch will be provided. Pre-reservations

are required. To

register, call 394-

2520

Volunteer Opportunity: The Western Harnett High School Marching Eagles is hosting a band competition Oct. 3. Volunteers (runners, escorts, equipment drivers) are needed to help make this event successful for local area school bands. The event begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 9 p.m. If interested in participating, call Master Sgt. Jana Manning at (919) 499-1709 or Sabrina Drew at 919-842-

Advocacy Program offers education and support services tools for building healthy family relationships. They offer a wide-range of classes. Most classes are voluntary, self-referred and offered on a rotating basis. For more information or to register for classes, call 394-4700.

Birth Announcement: Master Sgt. Diego Brown and Tech. Sgt. Angela Brown announce the birth of their son Di'Angelo Brown, born Saturday, weighing 7 pounds and 14 ounces.

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Around the Air Force



OTOS BY SENIOR AIRMAN FELICIA JU

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan

On the steps of the old Russian air traffic control tower, known as the 'Crow's Nest' in Camp Cunningham, Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley thanked members of the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing for their efforts in taking the fight to the enemies of Afghanistan, Aug. 29. Mr. Donley listed many missions Airmen carry out on a daily basis in support of the joint fight and thanked the Airmen for all their hard work. The Russian air traffic control tower was built in 1976 during the Soviet Union's occupation of the region. Currently more than 5,000 Airmen are deployed to Bagram supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and NATO International Security Assistance Forces.



RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt.
Shane Kibbey, a U.S. Air
Forces in Europe Band's
Direct Hit trumpet player, performs at the Enlisted Club,
Ramstein Air Base, Germany,
during Summer Concerts at
the Park June 21. Direct Hit is
the band's popular music
ensemble and plays hits from
the '60s through today.

PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. MICHAEL B. KELLER

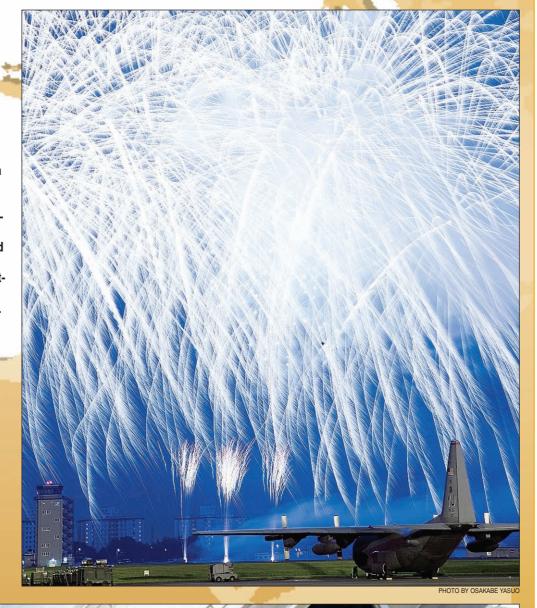


SOUTHWEST ASIA

Maj. Patrick Hudson, 99th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, taxis a U-2 aircraft to a parking spot Aug. 24. Major Hudson completed his 1000th hour of flight in the U-2 aircraft.

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan

More than 170,000 people attended the two-day Yokota Air Base Japanese-American Friendship Festival Aug. 22-23. In addition to static displays and live music, the festival offered a variety of American and Japanese food items. The festival is designed to bolster the bi-lateral relationship shared by the United States and Japan.





Afghanistan

Pallets of cargo drop from a C-17 Globemaster III to a forward operating base in Afghanistan Aug. 27 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The aircraft is assigned to the 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron.



JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq

Airman 1st Class Jared Snell, a firefighter of the 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, repels down the side of the control tower Aug. 20. The training was a refresher and introductory course that allowed the firefighters to practice knots, anchors and belay techniques.

Around the Air Force

Do you have any deployed photos? The 43rd Airlift Wing Public Affairs wants anyone with deployed photos of themselves or anyone else stationed at Pope to add to the new **Around the Air Force** section of the Carolina Flyer.

You can submit your photo to the *Carolina Flyer* at *carolina.flyer@pope.af.mil* or by calling 394-4185.

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Two AMC Airmen selected to enter Catholic seminary



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. SCOTT T. STURKO

Maj. Ryan Boyle, formerly stationed at McChord Air Force Base, Wash., was one of two Air Mobility Command Airmen selected to attend seminary to become a Catholic priest and later, an Air Force chaplain. Major Boyle begins attending seminary in Florida soon and is a recipient of the new Religious Professional Scholarship program approved by the Chief of Staff and Secretary of the Air Force to address critical religious needs of the service.

By Capt. Bob EverdeenAir Mobility Command Public Affairs

With a minimum commitment of seven years – attending college courses in philosophy and theology, assisting at a parish, working as an ordained deacon – the decision to work toward becoming an ordained priest is monumental.

Just two months after Pope Benedict XVI declared a worldwide "Year for Priests," two Airmen assigned to Air Mobility Command have left active duty to begin the long process of study and preparation to become Catholic priests. The "Year for Priests" is a time meant to deepen the commitment of all priests to interior renewal for the sake of a stronger and more incisive witness to the Gospel in today's world. For the two AMC Airmen, it's a fitting time to embark on a lifelong journey.

Maj. Ryan Boyle, formerly stationed at McChord AFB, Wash., and Technical Sgt. Tyler Harris, formerly attached to Travis AFB, Calif., will attend seminary

at opposite ends of the United States – Florida and California, respectively.

"I am proud to have served my country as a pilot, especially during a time of war, and I love to travel. I've seen 65 countries and six continents during my career, but at the end of the day (flying) wasn't what I felt called to do," Major Boyle said. "There was always this nagging feeling that something was missing. I've always been involved at church and always felt at home there, even more so than in my own house. It's a calling."

Some people may not understand the desire to change careers midstream, especially 11-plus years into it like Major Boyle, but Tech. Sgt. Harris, an Air Force Reserve chaplain's assistant, has similar internal confirmation.

"I've been thinking about the Catholic priesthood since I was a little kid sitting in Mass on Sundays," he said. "Now, to think about being able to serve the men and women of the Air Force as a chaplain in the future is very humbling. I'm excited to get started."

Both men cite mentorship as a driving force behind their growth in the Catholic religion, especially guidance they've received from current Air Force chaplains.

Major Boyle, the 32-yearold son of a retired Air Force colonel and grandson of a retired Navy captain, says some members of his family were somewhat "surprised and shocked," but all are now "coming around to it and are supportive and happy" about his chosen path. "It was like a sine wave with ups and downs between marriage and seminary for a long time," he said. "It became abundantly clear about five years ago and I've had plenty of time think everything through."

As a mobility pilot, the major never knew where he would end up on various missions around the globe. He says ministry will be the same.

"You never know who you're going to meet or what circumstances will arise, but I'm going to make the best of each day, each situation and remember that I'm on God's time, not my time. Every person I come across is a person. I'm there to help – I'm there to serve."

There is a shortage of Catholic chaplains in the Air Force that mirrors the shortage on the civilian side. For example, by next summer there will be 25 bases without an active duty Catholic priest. This creates an enormous workload for those who commit to leading the faith. But according to a former co-worker, the Air Force will get a solid return on investment with Major Boyle.

"There are very few people I've ever met who are of this caliber," said Capt. Todd Hontz, 8th Airlift Squadron chief of safety at McChord AFB. "The example of service Major Boyle provides is unmatched. He has a wealth of experience from a military standpoint, is a great ambassador for the Catholic church and finds commonality - that's his gift. People are naturally drawn to him and he has the same caring, humble personality toward everyone."

The major started his official journey toward priesthood in August. Prior to that he enjoyed 102 days of terminal leave from the Air Force, taking a 6,000mile road trip with his 20year-old brother Matthew, travelling through parts of Canada and a number of state parks across the United States. "If it's God's will," he'll finish up Seminary and other requirements for becoming a priest, log three years of experience, then return to the Air Force around 2019.

"My goal is to serve God as a chaplain and serve where the Air Force needs me," Major Boyle said. "After that, I'll return to my diocese, where the retirement age is about 75 or 80, and continue to spend the rest of my life serving God."

Major Boyle is one of two recipients of the new Religious Professional Scholarship program approved by the Chief of Staff and Secretary of the Air Force to address critical religious needs; the current need is for Roman Catholic priest chaplains. For more information about the program, visit the Air Force Chaplain Corps' Web site at http://www.usafhc.af.mil/.

AMC's Phoenix Mobility Program

Story and photo by
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Air Mobility Command Public

As a career KC-10 Extender pilot, Maj. Jay Johnson knows the required routine after completing a flying mission.

The routine might usually end with a stop at one of his base's flying squadrons, but for him that stop would be at a different unit — a contingency response unit. Why? Because Major Johnson's job isn't mainly to fly planes — it's to lead Airmen in the 571st Global Mobility Readiness Squadron at Travis AFB, Calif., as the operations officer. He is as an active participant in the Air Mobility Command Phoenix Mobility Program.

Every year, about 12 officers in AMC are selected for the program. Phoenix Mobility is an AMC-sponsored professional development program for board selected Air Force officers with four to nine years of commissioned service, said Maj. Michael Brock, chief of officer and civilian force development in AMC's Manpower, Personnel and Services Division, otherwise known as A1.

"The purpose of the program is to develop officers with a strong foundation in expeditionary mobility operations while developing an understanding of senior leadership responsibilities," Major

Brock said.

"The greatest part of the program is the leadership challenge," said Major Johnson, who was selected for the program in 2007. "Not that leading an AMC aircrew around the world isn't challenging, but I would argue that leading an organization of 40 or more enlisted members in a specialty you aren't the expert on, or directing operations for 30 enlisted members from 10 different specialties is just as great, if not a greater challenge."

Phoenix Mobility-selected officers become fluent in air and space operations. They also learn about contingency response wing and en route mobility operations. They receive a 36-month assignment which immerses the officers "into the heart of the AMC mission."

Maj. Kristen McCabe, also a 2007 program selectee assigned to the 615th Contingency Operations Support Group at Travis AFB, said the program has enriched her career. She's currently working as the executive officer to the group commander. Her normal specialty is as a flight nurse with a specialization in intensive care. Prior to her current position, she worked in Travis' 15th Air Mobility Operations Squadron.

"The program has provided me with an amazing opportunity to work hand-in-hand with many different

career fields that I would probably never interact with as a nurse," Major McCabe said. "While assigned to the 15th AMOS, I had exposure to 32 different Air Force specialties just by the nature of how the unit is manned and structured."

"I also deployed to the Combined Air and Space Operations Center in Southwest Asia and I was able to see the operational level of war and interact with our Coalition partners," Major McCabe said. "I continue to be exposed to leadership from many different career fields at all levels — from going out in the field and reviewing aerospace ground equipment and learning how to set-up communication towers to talking with AMC directorates and learning the logistics of getting contingency response groups deployed."

The Phoenix Mobility Program is a relatively new program that falls under the umbrella of AMC's Phoenix Horizon leadership development programs, Major Brock said. It gained its roots in 2004 in conjunction with the Air Force's two specialized contingency response wings at Travis AFB and Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

Major McCabe, who is the only flight nurse currently in Phoenix Mobility, said the program has helped her increase her understanding of the mobility Air Force world.

"This has been an invaluable experience that I will look back upon throughout the rest of my career," Major McCabe said. "The leadership I have been exposed to and the people I have met have been amazing."

Major Johnson added, "I've also learned a lot from my fellow Phoenix Mobility participants. Not a day goes by that I don't learn something from these truly amazing leaders. They are all gifted in their own way and I'm proud to serve with them and call them friends."

Each of the participating units — the 615th and 621st Contingency Response Wings — work with approximately 18 Phoenix Mobility interns at each unit. Major Johnson is a good example of the success of the program, Major Brock said. "We've taken a young leader and given him the opportunity to broaden his perspective of the mobility enterprise."

Maj. Jay Johnson, a KC-10 Extender pilot assigned to the 571st Global Mobility Readiness Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., prepares a KC-10 for a flight back to California while stopped at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., on Aug. 4. Major Johnson is a 2007 selectee for Air Mobility Command's Phoenix Mobility Program.

Major Brock added that Phoenix Mobility is a "winwin" situation for the individual and the Air Force.

"We give talented young

officers an opportunity to broaden their horizons and in return, we're developing future leaders," Major Brock Sept. 4, 2009 www.pope.af.mil

POPE SERVICES-

Kitty Hawk Inn

Breakfast: 5:30 to 7 a.m

Supper: 4 to 6 p.m.

394-4377 UTA weekend Saturday and Sunday Breakfast: 6 to 8 a.m. Lunch: 10:30 a.m to 1 p.m Dinner: 4 to 7 p.m Monday - Friday

Lunch: 10:30 a.m to 1 p.m. Dinner: 4 to 7 p.m. Weekends, Holidays and downdays Brunch: 7 a.m. to noon

Habaneros' Mexican Grill

Monday - Friday: 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Daily: 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, Tickets and Travel □ 394-4478 or 394-5462 Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Library Monday - Thursday: 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Story time Friday: "Harvest Moon" 4 p.m. Tuesday: "Read a good book" Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. **Wood Shop**

Tuesday - Thursday: 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **School Age Programs**

☐ 394-2869 **Monday - Friday:** 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m **Auto Hobby Shop**

Tuesday - Thursday: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Community Center** 394-2779

Bowling Center

Monday - Thursday: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday: 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday: 11 a.m. to 12 a.m. Sunday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m

Willow Lakes Golf Course

Tuesday and Sunday: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. **Fitness Center**

☐ 394-2671 Monday - Friday: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Holidays and family days: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Frame and Design Arts

Monday and Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday and Holidays: Closed

Butler's Barber Shop ☐ 394-4387 Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mack's Barber Shop

Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Equipment Rental

Monday/Wednesday Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Child Development Center

Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Pope chapel

315 Ethridge Street 394-2677

Religious services

For bible studies call the chapel

Traditional service: Sunday, 8 a.m. except

second Sundays Contemporary serv-

ice: Sunday, 11:30 a.m. **Protestant Combined**

Worship: 11:30 a.m. the second Sunday of each month with potluck following services

Sunday school (all ages): Closed for summer and will resume Sept.

Catholic services: Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and

Daily mass: Monday

through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. **Reconciliation: Sun-**

day from 9:00 to 9:15 a.m., 4:30 to 4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

Choir rehearsal: Monday at 7 p.m.

RCIA: Contact 394-1856 **CCD:** Closed for summer and will resume Aug. 30

Services offered at Fort Bragg

Catholic service: JFK Chapel, Ardennes Street, Saturday at 5 p.m. Confessions at 4 p.m.

Muslim or Orthodox Christian services:

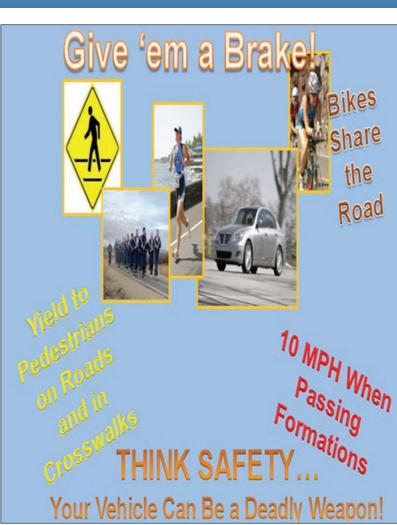
Call the Fort Bragg Chapel at 396-1121.

Officers' Christian Fellowship: Bible study on leadership, Wednesday at 6 a.m.

Jewish services: Contact the Faith Community Chapel Bldg. D-3733 Ardennes St at 489-2094.

Wiccan ceremonies:

The Watters Center on Fort Bragg holds an open circle Thursday at 7:30









Movies

Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children 12 and younger.

Pope Theater

Armistead, Pope

Tonight: Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) 7 p.m.

Saturday: Up (PG) 4 p.m.; Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince (PG) 7 p.m.

Sunday: Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) (PG) 4 p.m.; X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13) 7 p.m.

(Courtesy of www.aafes.com)

Movie Corner: Star Trek



By Irvin Gourdine

Staff Writer

Having never been a huge fan of "Star Trek" growing up, I thought this movie was surprisingly great. "Star Trek" was the first big action film of the summer and started a trend of action packed movies to follow.

The "Star Trek" I remembered was a cheesy, sci-fi soap opera. Director J.J. Abrams turned this one-time hit television show into a non-stop thrill ride through space. This film takes a look back into how the crew of the Enterprise was formed. In the film, the audience sees where Capt. James T. Kirk and Spock came from and how their journey began.

Chris Pine plays the young and reckless Captain Kirk. After his father's death, Kirk joins the federation in hopes he will one day follow in his father's footsteps. In many ways he is similar to his father, though he is the last to admit it. Like his dad, Kirk is full of life, jumps head first into any ordeal without thinking of the consequences and never backs down from a fight. On the other side of the spectrum, his fellow crew

member Spock, played by Zachary Quinto, is extremely calm, thinks everything through before making a move, shows little emotion and follows the rules to the end. These two completely different personalities are left in charge of the Enterprise after their captain is captured by the Romulan leader Nero, played by Eric Bana. Nero and his band of space pirates are responsible for the death of Kirk's father and the destruction of Spock's mother and home planet. Spock and Kirk must see eye-to-eye in the hopes of saving both their captain and the earth from annihilation.

The cast for this film couldn't be any better. Pine looks like a young William Shatner (the original Captain James T. Kirk) and Quinto as Spock could pass for Leonard Nimoy's son. As you watch this film, you see the crew of the Enterprise grow from young cadet students to officers operating the most famous space ship on television.

'Star Trek' fans will love this movie, but even those who aren't fans of the television series will get a kick out this movie.